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NOZZLE AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING NONWOVEN FABRIC USING THE

NOZZLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.